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Inventor(s): Rourke et al.

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7042R

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Rourke et al. Confirmation No.: 9622

Serial No.: 09/529,575 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: April 14, 2000 Examiner: J. Webb

Title: PROTEASE INHIBITORS IN ABSORBENT ARTICLES

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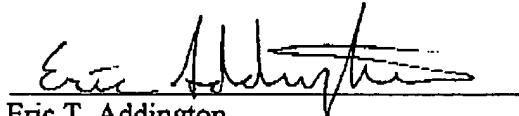
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